menace of female infanticide. Any information received in the district is thoroughly verified and if found true, cases are registered based on the report of Revenue officials even without any complaint from public.

(b) As per the data furnished by the State Government the female infants killed for the last 5 years is as under:

| Year | No. of cases of female infanticide |
|---|---|
| 1998 | Nil |
| 1999 | Nil |
| 2000 | 8 |
| 2001 | 8 |
| 2002 | 11 |
| TOTAL: | 27 |

(c) All the complaints were registered, proper investigations were carried out and prompt arrest of accused were made.

Infanticide is a crime punishable under Indian Penal Code (Section 315 and 316) and as such registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime under IPC comes under the jurisdiction of State Government as per provisions of State List of seventh schedule of Constitution of India. However, Central Government has, from time to time been writing to the State Governments pressing upon them the need to take preventive and punitive measures.

**Intelligence failure to identify terrorist attacks**

5137. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether intelligence failure has been identified as the basic reasons for the success of surreptitious attacks on October 1, 2001 on Jammu & Kashmir Assembly and on December, 13, 2001 on Parliament, besides the full scale Kargil war preparations by Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any cooperation of collaboration with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has been struck for augmenting the Indian Intelligence and anti-terrorist outfits in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO):** (a) No, Sir. Though there have been some high profile terrorist attacks in the past few years, it may not be appropriate to conclude that all these incidents point towards failure of Intelligence Agencies.

(b) and (c) Even though it has not been occasioned by any intelligence failure or any specific terrorist incident, India and United States have institutionalized their cooperation through a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter-terrorism established in January, 2000. The Joint Working Group (JWG) support counter terrorism cooperation through, *inter-alia*, strengthening cooperation between intelligence and investigative agencies of the two countries and developing preventive, protective and consequence management capabilities against terrorism.

**Inquiry regarding Foreign Exchange received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Database**

5138. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Office of the Home Minister received a letter on 5th November, 2001 from Member of Parliament for initiating inquiry regarding foreign exchange received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Database and transfer of copy right to it by NISCOM/ CSIR;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the above letter was read/criticised in meetings of employees (more than fifty) including accused, held in NISCOM after last week of December in which Director NISCOM chaired; and

(d) whether a detailed inquiry will be initiated on above meetings?